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Chapter 18 The Forbidden Garden

THIS GARDEN IS NEE-SAN'S HOBBY SO I WILL NOT FORGIVE ANY TRESPASSERS
UH.. THIS IS BAD..
IF HE MAKES A FUSS HERE, ONII-SAN WILL FIND OUT
AH...
I'M KUGA TSUKASA'S LITTLE SISTER. LUNA. AND...
LU... I'M NOT A SUSPICIOUS PERSON OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
.....
BOW
I JUST CAME HERE TO SAY HI
BUT !
I CHANGED MY MIND
I'M GOING HOME!

BACKS OFF
YOU AREN'T PLANNING TO RUN AWAY, ARE YOU?

IF YOU REALLY ARE THAT HUMAN DEMON SEALER'S LITTLE SISTER, THEN YOU MIGHT BE USEFUL AFTER ALL
HA...
HE'S SUDDENLY BEHIND ME...!?
KYAA...
PUSH
COME!

ANYWAYS, YOU CAN WAIT IN THE BASEMENT (THERE) AND ACT LIKE A GROWN-UP.
YOU'VE GOT A CONVERSATION PARTNER DOWN THERE AS WELL SO THERE SHOULDN'T ARISE ANY BOREDOM.
CLANG
STEP
STEP
GRR...
WHAT THE HECK'S UP WITH THAT BOY!!
WHAT THE HELL!!
URGHH...

HOW COME EVEN YOU ARE DOWN HERE..!?
ARE YOU OKAY..!?
Ugh.

GESTALT!?
!!

SLAP
ARGH!?

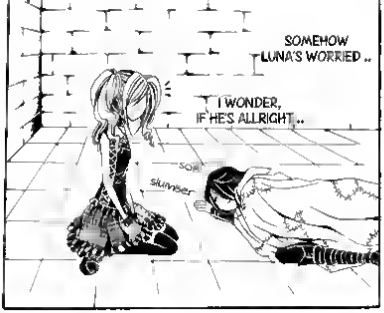
cheese~♡

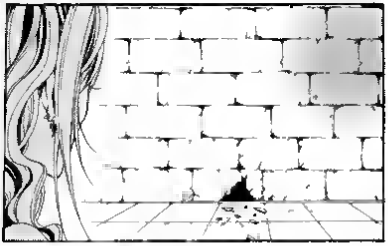
UNTIL NOW?
SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE YOU LEFT LUNA'S SIDE...
...SO?

CHOMP
CHOMP
SO I SECRETLY SNUCK INTO MAIN HOUSE AND
HELPED MYSELF TO THE BUFFET LAID OUT THERE
THAT WAS THERE
UMM, YOU SEE
YOURS TRULLY WAS REALLY FAMISHED
THAT BOY CAUGHT ME
YOU—
HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT BECOMING FERTILIZER FOR ONEE-SAN'S ALRAUNE... AREN'T I GRANTING YOU A WORTHY DEATH...
WWAAH I DIDN'T EVEN GET TO FILL MY STOMATCH...
I'm ...chiro to put my hands on some cheese...

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT BECOMING FERTILIZER FOR NEE-SAN'S ALRAUNE...
.. "NEE-SAN" IS THAT MIAI PARTNER OF ONII-SAMA, RIGHT?
.....
HOHOHO.....
IF I WERE UP AGAINST THAT BOY I'D NORMALLY TURN HIM INTO DUST IN A FLASH WITH ME BEING A DEMON AND ALL THAT...
HOWEVER AT THAT TIME WITH MY STOMATCH COMPLETELY EMPTY I COULD NOT SUMMON UP ANY POWER AT ALL ANYMORE
AND IF THAT WAS THE CASE, IT'D MEAN THAT ONII-SAMA IS IN DANGER...
THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING FOR SURE...
THOSE TWO SIBLINGS...
AT ANY RATE, THESE GROUNDS... THEY'RE DEFINITELY HIDING SECRETS.

....HEY GESTALT♡ IVE GOT A REQUEST...


SOMEHOW LUNA'S WORRIED..
I WONDER, IF HE'S ALLRIGHT...
SOH
slumber



WOOOSHH...
AL RAUNE?

AH! YOU WANT ME TO GO BUY SOME OF THAT FAMOUS DELICIOUS CHEESE CAKE THAT THEY SALE IN FRONT OF THE STATION RIGHT?
ROGER!!
YOUR ORDER IS MY PLEA-SURE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN THE REAL THING BUT... IF IT'S FOLK-LORE,,,
IF IT'S YOU, DEMON-SEALER-SAMA YOU KNOW ABOUT IT FOR SURE, RIGHT?
YES
IT'S A PLANT BY WHICH ITS CULTIVATION IS PROHIBITED IN THE HUMAN REALM
YEAH.
WOOOSHH
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
I'VE HEARD THE NAME, ALRIGHT, BUT
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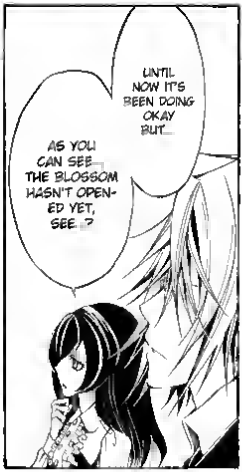
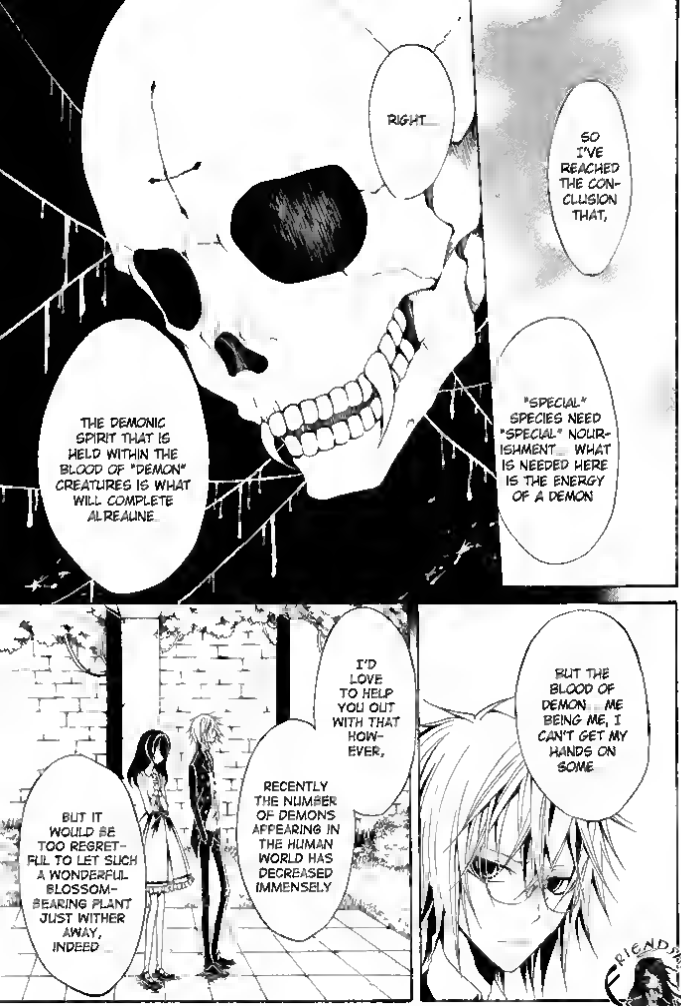
T/N: THE KANJIS ARE A PLAY ON WORDS AS THEY CAN MEAN BOTH SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF CYBORG OR HOMONCULUS, WHICH IS A PLANT -SEE LAST CHAPTER'S NOTES- AND WHICH THE AUTHOR READING INFO SAYS IN JAPANESE

YES
HOWEVER, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FEED IT HUMANS, RIGHT
OR RATHER, IF WE'RE TALKING IN TERMS OF FLORA AND APPROACH IT UPON ITS SHAPE, IT CAN BE TALKED ABOUT AS "CYBORG"" (HOMONCULUS)
IT USES THE BLOOD OF HUMANS, ANIMALS AND THE LIKE AS NOURISHMENT
ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT... YOU'VE SUCCEEDED IN THE CULTIVATION OF SUCH AN ALRAUNE?
WELL NOT EXACTLY
IT'S EN ROUTE TO ADULTHOOD HOWEVER ITS GROWTH HAS NOT YET REACHED ITS COMPLETION...
I'D LOVE TO SEE IT
IT'S RARE THAT YOU CAN ACTUALLY SEE THE REAL THING THAT IS OTHERWISE ONLY THE TALK OF LEGENDS
You do?
IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT DEMON-WORLD PLANT ENTHUSIAST LIKE THE TWO OF US CAN'T LET PASS RIGHT?
. THEN LET'S TAKE THE TOUR TO ALRAUNE'S PLACE!

TO HIDE IT, OF COUSE
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS TO BE RAISING A PLANT WHICH'S CULTIVATION IS ILLEGAL IN YOUR GARDEN?
WE'RE RAISING ALRAUNE QUITE DEEP WITHIN OUR GARDENS
MY YOUNGER BROTHER SUZUYA PROTECTS THIS GARDEN AFTER ALL.
OH, I DON'T HAVE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THIS ISSUE.
HERE IT IS.
.....
IS THAT SO. HMM...

FOR 40 DAYS I'VE BEEN FEEDING HER THE BLOOD OF BIRDS AND SMALL ANIMALS BUT NO MATTER WHAT, SO FAR ALRAUNE HASN'T ANSWERED ME EVEN ONCE


UNTIL NOW IT'S BEEN DOING OKAY BUT...
AS YOU CAN SEE THE BLOSSOM HASN'T OPENED YET, SEE...?


RIGHT...
SO I'VE REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT,
"SPECIAL" SPECIES NEED "SPECIAL" NOURISHMENT... WHAT IS NEEDED HERE IS THE ENERGY OF A DEMON
THE DEMONIC SPIRIT THAT IS HELD WITHIN THE BLOOD OF "DEMON" CREATURES IS WHAT WILL COMPLETE ALREALINE...
I'D LOVE TO HELP YOU OUT WITH THAT HOWEVER,
RECENTLY THE NUMBER OF DEMONS APPEARING IN THE HUMAN WORLD HAS DECREASED IMMENSELY
BUT IT WOULD BE TOO REGRETFUL TO LET SUCH A WONDERFUL BLOSSOM-BEARING PLANT JUST WITHER AWAY, INDEED...
BUT THE BLOOD OF DEMON... ME BEING ME, I CAN'T GET MY HANDS ON SOME
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THE PLANT...
NO, THIS ALRAUNDE IS SIMPLY TRANSCENDENTAL...!
WHEN I LOOK AT HER...
A SIMPLE PLANT ENTHUSIAST MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND ITS BEAUTY
EVEN THOUGH I AM A MERE HUMAN, MY HEART SWELLS WITH FEELINGS INSIDE MY CHEST AT THE THOUGHT OF IT
NO... IT'S NOT EVEN ALRAUNE THAT IS MAKING MY HEART FLUTTER SO EXCITINGLY
I DARE TO SAY THE REASON IS YOU.

DEMON-SEALER-SAMA...

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

PERFECT TIMING
JUST AS WELL,

HUH... MOUSE-SAN?
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?

WHY DON'T WE TRY USING HIS BLOOD IMMEDIATELY?
WITH THE APPEARANCE OF AN ACTUAL DEMON,
YOU'RE QUITE RIGHT.
BLOOD-SHED, DEATH AND AGONY JUST WON'T TAKE A DAY OF AROUND ME
PUSH
THAT'S DEMON-SEALER-SAMA FOR YOU!
TO SPONTANEOUSLY DRAW IN A DEMON JUST LIKE THIS...
HUH, THAT MOUSE-SAN IS A DEMON?
TAKES OUT...
IN BETWEEN I CONSOLE MYSELF WITH PLANTS.

A BLOOD TOAST!
NOW,
SPLATTER
SPLASH

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